Point Out to the eligible the fact that our Order is strengthening itself for its future responsibilities, that our field of work is rapidly broadening and the usefulness of each Camp is what they and other sons of veterans care to make it.

Initation fees and dues are in most instances merely nominal, so that no bar of dollars shall keep out any who are sincere and interested in the work.

Are You Already A Member Of The Order? If not, you should be.

Principles and Objects

Founded upon a trust in Almighty God, with a realization that under His beneficent guidance the free institutions of our land, consecrated by the service and blood of our fathers, have been preserved, and upon a true allegance to the government of the United States of America, pledging fidelity to law and order, this Association declares its objects to be.

First—To perpetutate the memory of the sacrifices of our fathers and fore-fathers and their services for maintenance of the Union.

Second—To inculcate patriotism, to teach truthful history, and to spread and sustain the doctrine of equal rights, universal liberty and justice to all.

Third—To assist the members of the Grand Army of the Republic, and all honorably discharged Union Soldiers, Sailors and Marines of the War of the Rebellion of 1861-1865; to extend aid and protection to their widows and orphans and to honor the memories of their heroic dead through historical exercises and the proper observance of Memorial and Union Defenders' Day.

Fourth—To aid and assist worthy and needy members of our Order.

Eligibility to Membership

All male decendants, whether through the paternal or maternal line, not less than eighteen years of age, of Soldiers, Sailors or Marines, who were regularly mustered and served honorably in, or who were honorably discharged from, the Army or Navy of the United States of America, during the War of the Rebellion of 1861-65; and who have never been convicted of any infamous or henious crime or who have, or whose ancestors through whom membership is claimed, have never voluntarily borne arms against the Government of the United States of America.

Information

By addressing a letter to Division Headquarters any further information will be gladly given that might assist you in joining a Camp or organizing a new one.

ARE YOU A SON OF A VETERAN?

"For what he did and what he dared, we honor him to-day."

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SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A.

HEADQUARTERS

Room 38, 15 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass.

Fifty Years Ago, this country was engaged in a great war. Memories of those days are being recalled in the press. Those four red years, the sacrifice of a million lives, the horrors of a deadly conflict, are written on the pages of history, and stamped indelibly into the hearts of those who bore the brunt of battle.

Fifty years ago the men whose names we bear, the flower of the youth of the land, with hearts aflame with the fires of patriotism and love of country, were springing to the defence of the Union and saving a nation.

Fifty Years Ago! —a country rent assunder. Today! a mighty Nation, the greatest in the World, rich in wealth and population, foremost in education, and in industry.

Today, we enjoy, through the great sacrifices of our fathers, —for they made it possible,—all the great blessings that are ours, (all the people's) and this government in reality, "A Nation of the people, for the people, and by the people."

A Nation undivided, still the beacon light of Freedom, abiding to the principles of Justice, Equal Rights and Liberty to all.

The Sons of Veterans were organized to perpetuate the sacrifices made by our fathers for the maintenance of the Union.

The soil has been sanctified by the blood of their comrades; their lives were freely offered upon the Altar of their country; each one of them gave all he had to give, and gave it for you and I, for the men and women and children of this generation.

They gave their lives, their bodies to cruel wounds, their health and strength, that we might enjoy the blessings that abound to-day. Those who returned from the fields of carnage, have always by precept and example typified the true American citizen.

Of such an ancestry are we proud; it is a priceless privilege to bear their names. The legacy they have given us in the right to bear the title "Son of a Veteran" is most precious.

It is Our Duty, as well as our privilege to honor these men. On Memorial Day to pay our tribute of respect to the memory of their dead comrades, (in many cases our own fathers) and to honor and show our affection for the living.

We are organized to carry forward a great principle, we are obligated to sustain and respect the laws of the land, and pledged to honor the Flag, and to serve, in all that good citizenship implies, the Nation for which it stands.

With such principles and worthy purposes we welcome to our ranks all whom are eligible, believing it their duty, no less than ours, to become identified with our splendid patriotic Order.

There Are Thousands, who are entitled to become members, that have never joined, either through a lack of invitation, lack of knowledge of our purpose, or through not clearly understanding their duty in this respect. They have failed to realize the tribute of respect paid their fathers in accepting the

title "Son of a Veteran" by affiliation with the Order. Surely there is nothing to be ashamed of in accepting such a title and proudly wearing it, thereby making known that a loyal ancestor served his country honorably in the hour of its greatest trial.

Their is nothing in our organization that conflicts with the rights of others. We make no claim for special favor, in fact we seek no favors. We do claim the right that is ours by birth, and we seek to have all sons of Union soldiers and sailors join us in the work we have undertaken.

The sentiment underlying our Order is noble and lasting.

We Have a Special Duty on Memorial Day, first to properly observe it ourselves, and next, to endeavor to persuade others to do so.

No true Son of a Veteran neglects this duty or fails to honor the dead heroes on that Holy day.

As the veterans age and the physical work of the day becomes more difficult for them to perform, it is our privilege to assist them more and more. This of itself should bring into our Order all who are eligible. A moment's reflection, if they neglect these opportunities, or permit other hands to render this loving service, especially if it be at the grave of their own kindred must sting the conscience and bring the flush of shame.

Those Who Are Members, should not therefore rest content, until we have built up the Order to its proper proportions, and there is no time like the present to be zealous.

Every one of us can promote the welfare of the Order.
Every one of us can secure a new member.
For the love of a gallant father, do so!
For your pride in his service for the Nation, do so!
For the love of the mother who gave her boy to the Union, do so!
For the sentiment of Memorial Day, do so!
From your own sense of duty, do so!
Be a Son of a Veteran, 365 days in the year.

Tell the Eligible, no matter if he be a member of all the societies and organizations, no matter how great they may be, that he has failed to join the one Order he should be the proudest to join, above all the others, until he joins the Sons of Veterans.

A decent reputation and an initiation fee opens the doors of the greatest mystic and fraternal orders.

The honorable discha-ge of his father admits him to the Sons of Veterans, if he is clean in repute.

Gold Can Be Earned and big admission fees are not a bar to other organizations. No amount of gold can buy an honorable discharge paper. Think of your privilege therefore in having the right and proof of eligibility, and seek out those who are not wearing the badge of the Order, point out to them what they are neglecting, and that many who cannot join, would give almost anything for the right to do so.